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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG, IS UG

SUBJECT: GOZ REACTION TO ENTEBBE RAID

1. ACCORDING TO ELIMA AND SALONGO, AT NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING JULY 9 PRESIDENT MOBUTU DECLARED THAT ISRAELI RAID AT ENTEBBE RIDICULED ALL OF AFRICA AND IS AGGRESSION WHICH ZAIRE CONDEMNS. NEWSPAPER REPORT SAYS MOBUTU SHARED HIS CONCERN OVER STATE OF KENYA-UGANDA RELATIONS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND TOLD THEM HE WOULD MAKE DEMARCHES WITH PRESIDENT OF OAU TO HELP TWO COUNTRIES REACH UNDERSTANDING. COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWED BY TWO DAYS STRONGLY WORDED COLUMN IN ELIMA DESCRIBING ISRAELI CONDUCT AS SAVAGE AND PRIMITIVE.

2. RATHER DIFFERENT ASSESSMENT HAS EMERGED IN INFORMAL TALKS WITH  
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GOZ OFFICIALS. SEVERAL HAVE SAID THAT AMIN GOT WHAT HE DESERVED

FOR COLLABORATING WITH HIJACKERS. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED ADMIRATION AT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ISRAELI ACTION. A HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICER VOICED PLEASURE AT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ELEVEN UGANDAN MIG'S. MIXED WITH SATISFACTION WAS CONCERN BY OFFICIALS OVER THE VULNERABILITY OF AFRICAN STATES TO THE "WHITE MAN'S" MILITARY POWER WHICH THEY SAW AS A LESSON OF THE AFFAIR.

3. COMMENT: PUBLIC DENUNCIATION OF ATTACK OF COURSE MANDATORY FOR AN AFRICAN LEADER, SO MOBUTU STATEMENT TO COUNCIL NO SURPRISE. IN DECEMBER 1975, AT HEIGHT OF ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR, AMIN ISSUED OFFUSIVE STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT ATTACK UPON ZAIRE IS ATTACK AGAINST UGANDA. MOBUTU'S STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR

UGANDA TO COUNCIL YESTERDAY NOTABLY LESS ENTHUSIASTIC. OFFICIALS' PRIVATE SATISFACTION OVER RAID REFLECTS GENERAL BELIEF WITHIN GOZ THAT AMIN IS AT BEST AN UNSTABLE AND ERRATIC ALLY WHO CANNOT BE COUNTED UPON. THUS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MIG'S NOT AT ALL DISPLEASING HERE. HOWEVER, GOZ MILITARY LEADERS MAY ALSO SEE IN RAID EVIDENCE OF THEIR OWN AIR FORCE'S VULNERABILITY AND MAY USE ENTEBBE RAID AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF NEED FOR ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECENTLY ACQUIRED MIRAGES.  
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